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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No. 3910
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Ching-Hsiang Hsu)	Group Art Unit: 1645
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Serial No.: 10/780,601)	Examiner: V. Ford
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Filed: February 19, 2004)	
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For: NOVEL MICROORGANISM STRAIN GM-020 OF)		
LACTOBACILLUS RHAMNOSUS AND ITS USE)		
FOR TREATING OBESITY)		Docket No. 001409.00011

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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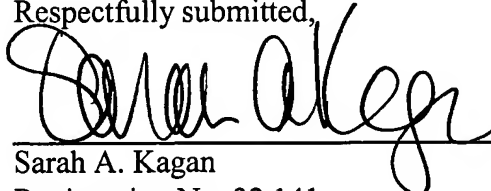
Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application Group I drawn to an isolated microorganism of the strain *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GM-020 and a composition comprising the isolated microorganism. This invention encompasses claims 1-2 and 8-12.

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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